

2005 Scavenger Hunt Answers

Scavenger HUNT #1 (JAN w/Shared resources)

We share a long-distance migratory bird with the Maori people of New Zealand. What is the bird and what is its Maori name? [*bar-tailed godwit (or local name!), Kuaka*]

Scavenger HUNT #2 (FEB w/white fronts)

When eggs from white-fronted geese and others are hatching, what sea duck is just starting to nest? [*black scoter*]

Scavenger HUNT #3 (MAR w/Steller's eiders)

Lead shotgun pellets are a bigger problem for waterfowl and people than we once thought. The RITs offer a program to help. What is it? [*steel shot clinics*]

Scavenger HUNT #4 (APR w/emperors)

In addition to emperor geese, what other birds are closed to harvest by the Alaska Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest Regulations. (*see also* <http://alaska.fws.gov/ambcc/Regulations>) [*spectacled and Steller's eiders, cacklers (eggs only), brant*]

Scavenger HUNT #5 (MAY w/scoters)

RITs conduct interviews to help us record local customary and traditional use of migratory birds that also helps to establish the subsistence harvest for each village. What is the survey called? [*Bird Harvest Survey*]

Scavenger HUNT #6 (JUN w/brant)

What other goose leaves Alaska and flies as far south as Mexico to find its winter habitat? (hint: this one flies over land, not over the ocean) [*white-fronted goose*]

Scavenger HUNT #7 (JUL w/spectacled eiders)

RITs conduct steel shot clinics to help us switch to non-toxic shot. When did Outside hunters stop using lead shot for waterfowl? [*1991 (in RIT article)*]

Scavenger HUNT #8 (AUG w/curlews)

[*brant*]

ATVs can scare curlews away from their nests and chicks. Name another kind of bird that might abandon its family if we drive our ATVs near or through its crowded colony?

Scavenger HUNT #9 (SEP w/godwits)

Godwits play a role in Maori traditions in New Zealand. In your region what role do migratory birds **have** in your traditions? [*... individual answers*]

Scavenger HUNT #10 (OCT w/yellow-billed loon)

Which sea duck threatened with extinction spends the winter along the coast of the Alaska Peninsula? [*Steller's eider*]

Scavenger HUNT #11 (NOV w/long-tailed duck)

Holy Cross Elder Vaska Gregory, Sr., has witnessed changes since he was a child. Name one and add a change that you've noticed in your lifetime. [*... individual answers*]

Scavenger HUNT #12 (DEC w/cackling goose)

Many birds leave Alaska at the end of summer because their food won't be available here in winter. Which birds in this calendar must migrate Outside?

[*white-fronted goose, brant, curlew, godwit, long-tailed duck, cackler, y-b loon*]